

**Senior Advisory Committee  
Tuesday, July 17, 2012  
Town Hall, Old Town Road  
10:15a.m.**

Present: Chair Gail Pierce, Sandra Kelly, Sandra Hopf, Dorothy Graham, Betsy Theve and Linda Spak. Deputy Town Clerk Millie McGinnes was present for the recording of minutes. Betsey DeMaggio, Ann Henault and Marguerite Donnelly were absent.

Gail Pierce called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m.

**Approve Minutes of June 19, 2012 and July 9, 2012**

Ms. Theve moved to approve the minutes of June 19, 2012. Ms. Kelly seconded the motion and it carried.

5 Ayes (Pierce, Kelly, Theve, Graham, Hopf)                      0 Nays  
4 Absent (Spak, DeMaggio, Donnelly, Henault)

Ms. Graham moved to approve the minutes of July 9, 2012. Ms. Theve seconded and the motion carried.

5 Ayes (Pierce, Kelly, Theve, Graham, Hopf)                      0 Nays  
4 Absent (Spak, DeMaggio, Donnelly, Henault)

**Update on ongoing activities-**

Soup Group ~ Looking for a volunteer for publicity

Ms. Pierce reported that there has been an increase in participants at Soup Group, although more publicity is needed. Gloria Redlich will include it in the Block Island Times article. Ms. Kelly will run an ad on the Block Island Bulletin Board.

Neptune pool ~ Insurance/stairs

Later in the evening Ms. Spak reported that the Neptune is now allowing the water aerobics program to use the pool again.

FISH ~ Increase in usage

Ms. Pierce reported that there are three participants in the FISH program. She stated that she will send out a write-up regarding the program for the Bulletin Board.

Block Island Bulletin Board... town involvement

Ms. Kelly reported that there were 171 members of the Bulletin Board and there have been about 360 postings to date. She reported that she will follow up with Town Manager Dodge to see if a link to the Bulletin Board can be added to the Town website. Additionally, she will put together a Bulletin Board advertisement for insertion in the BIPCO electric bill.

**Senior Tax Exemptions**

Ms. Kelly explained that Block Island household income information was not available. She suggested that a request letter be submitted to the Town Council asking they increase the

maximum household income level, regarding eligibility for senior exemption, to \$40,000 per household. Ms. Kelly will draft a letter.

### **Review System the School Uses to Notify Parents in Various Situations**

It was noted that the school uses an automatic notification system for parents regarding school closures. Ms. Pierce will contact the school's superintendent's office to get information regarding the system.

### **Consider and Act on filling the position of Senior Coordinator**

Ms. Pierce stated that the all of the Senior Coordinator applicants to be discussed have been notified about the meeting and discussion.

Ms. Theve made a motion to go into closed session at 10:38 a.m. pursuant to RI General Law 42-46-5(a)(1) for discussions relating to job performance, character or physical or mental health.

Ms. Graham seconded the motion and it carried.

5 Ayes (Pierce, Kelly, Theve, Graham, Hopf)                      0 Nays  
4 Absent (Spak, DeMaggio, Donnelly, Henault)

Ms. Spak joined the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Ms. Graham made a motion to come out of closed session at 11:13 a.m. Ms. Spak seconded and the motion carried.

6 Ayes (Pierce, Spak, Kelly, Theve, Graham, Hopf)                      0 Nays  
3 Absent (DeMaggio, Donnelly, Henault)

Ms. Graham made a motion to seal the closed session minutes. Ms. Spak seconded and the motion carried.

6 Ayes (Pierce, Spak, Kelly, Theve, Graham, Hopf)                      0 Nays  
3 Absent (DeMaggio, Donnelly, Henault)

Ms. Pierce stated that the following motion was made in closed session and passed unanimously: to hire Kathleen Mitchell as the Senior Coordinator.

### **Next Meeting – Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at 10:15 a.m.**

Ms. Theve made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:29 a.m. Ms. Kelly seconded with all in favor.

Millie McGinnes  
Deputy Town Clerk

Approved:     August 28, 2012